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Dear Mr. Colby:

Thank you very much for agreeing through

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[redacted] to participate in our weekly Press

Conference feature.

We are scheduling the William Colby one for
Jan. 25 publication.

Enclosed are tear sheets to give you an idea
of the format -- also, the questions.

We would appreciate receiving the answers by
Tuesday, Jan. 20.

I expect to be on vacation at that time, and
would appreciate your addressing the answers to
Gordon Guist or Elmer Curran, who are associate
editors on the Sunday staff.

Again, thank you for your cooperation -- and
I wish you every good/in whatever you do.

Sincerely,

Si Liberman
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Sunday Editor

Mr. William Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Va.

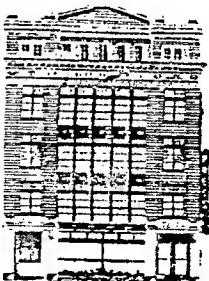
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Questions . . .

Q. Knowing what you know today about the CIA and the image-shattering public disclosures of its questionable activities, would you have agreed to ~~xxx~~ direct the agency when the job was offered to you by then President Nixon? And what instructions, if any, did he give to you?

Q. How does the CIA arrive at its decisions when the questions of paying off officials in another country or providing arms for a clandestine operation^z arise?

Q. What do you consider the major achievement of the CIA during your tenure as director?

Q. How were you informed that you would be replaced as director? Was it expected?

Q. Did the CIA assign, direct~~xx~~, and control paramilitary operations in Indochina, using U.S. servicemen to make reconnaissance and espionage missions into North Vietnam and Communist-controlled areas of Laos and Cambodia during the Indochina War? If so, was it a violation of U.S. policy to operate within the borders of South Vietnam?

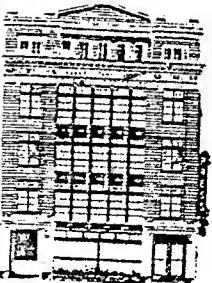
Q. What impact, if any, has the recent disclosures of CIA activities that were illegal had on the Central Intelligence Agency's operations?

Q. Occasionally, one hears about or reads stories about double agents. Has the CIA -- as far as you know -- been involved with any? What was the outcome?

Q. How many persons does the CIA have on its payroll? And in how many countries? How many agents are working under false identifications?

Q. How can I become a CIA agent?

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Q. Do you think ~~xxx~~ CIA personnel should be held criminally liable for activities now considered illegal by the Justice Department? How have those things been resolved in the past?

Q. Have any agents left the CIA as a result of the disclosures of possible illegal activities?

Q. Do you think a publication that identifies a CIA operative should be liable for criminal prosecution? And do you think the publication of Richard Welch's name as a CIA station chief in Athens led to his assassination? Has the CIA ~~done executing~~
~~xxxxxx~~ have any idea who was responsible for the killing -- I mean who pulled the trigger?

Q. Have you been in touch with former President Nixon since he left the White House? What was the occasion or purpose? ~~xxxxx~~

Q. What do you think is the greatest need of the CIA today?

Q. What are your plans for the future?

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SUB: Yellow Routing Slip: Subj; here are the questions
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answers - of course, it is permissible not to answer
some questions if you do not wish to
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